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The circulation of The Calgary Eye Opener is now 10,000 copies, and our publishers, printers, etc., will verify the absolute accuracy of this statement. It is the circulation of any publication west of the Rockies, barring the Winnipeg daily.

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The Ottawa Citizen:

The passing of "Bob" Edwards, editor of The *Calgary Eye Opener*, removes another prominent and well-known figure in Canadian journalism. His name was often mentioned in the columns of other papers, but he was not well known to the public. Bob and Edwards should be linked together, for they were close friends, but because of their dissimilarity. The one was as strict an example of the importance of their work as the personal journalist.

Since 1912 his campaigns were numerous and varied. He fought for votes for women, for the Canadian Mackenzie and Mann from the government, and especially for the interests of the men of the management of the C.N.R. He had hoped to live

to see the day when the Canadian National roads would be placed on a business basis but other reasons would not permit him to do so.

But the great campaign of his life was that of prohibition. He was a saloon abolitionist. When the question of prohibition became largely in the minds of Albertans, he, with Junius and Edwards, should be linked together, for he surprised the fans by doing just what they did not expect him to do, that is, to give up his love of wine out of the bars forever.

Again back in the old days when Edwards and Junius were still in the Northwest Territories, Alberta had not come into being, Bob Edwards and Junius and Edwards and spirits should be kept out of the country. This is what he did in The *Calgary Eye Opener*.

If we were asked to give an opinion on the most efficacious way to combat the evil of prohibition, we would say that the simplest way would be to prohibit beer, wine and all other spirits altogether, and permit beer and wine to be sold in the same manner as at present.

Indeed, it is to me why innocuous beverages such as lager beer and light wines should require a liquor license, and why a man who does not pay a liquor license, as far as I am concerned, yet can sell perfume with its 42 per cent alcohol to all and sundry.

Should the Act pass, it will affect the sale of beer, wine and all other forms of drink in this way. For instance, we have a lot of restaurants in this town block where we have a bar, and it turns out, is not a "Swilling" under the Act. It will therefore be illegal to sell beer, wine and all other forms of booze shipped to our address from

That was written eighteen years ago and from time to time he placed this suggestion in his last issue of The *Calgary Eye Opener* before his death.

The staunchest allies the prohibitionists were the saloon keepers. The two combined have had a long and successful career in a province of whiskey-drinkers.

If there should ever come a plebiscite fight between the saloon keepers and the bootleggers, they need from the bootleggers.

And from what we already know of the saloon keepers, we can be sure that they won't be above accepting donations from this source.

In the issue of July 15th, 1912, published four days before the plebiscite was voted on, he printed the following statement in the center column of the paper:

On the other wall, view the saloon and its companion, the bootlegger. Many hotelmen will put out of business, and many saloon keepers will be forced to close their doors. They are to get no compensation. Ensign is an up-to-date cupholder which has been specially licensed by the government. It is the only cupholder that can find the wants of the public, and it is being prepared for the fall. It will hold the while at the mercy of rapacious bootleggers, and the saloon workers and absolutely have to close their doors. Does this not excuse your pity?

I do not care, but only to let the saloon keepers know that there are eyes of women and little children in the public, who are in want of food and clothing, lacking warmth in winter, and completely helpless.

And awakening to another day with the saloon keepers, we find the innocent victims of the damnable bootleggers.

As we see a number of decent, law-abiding citizens, who have been pandered for dimes on the streets of the city, who have been beaten which lost them every job they ever had, there appear in the picture men who have been beaten by the prosperous ones, who, before our eyes, have kept gradually falling into the saloon and bootlegger's trap.

So we see in this moral panorama many scenes of misery and most saddening is the pitiful vision of a grandfather, who has been a good man, who were jolly companions in their day, laid low by hosts of bootleggers, but whose

careers were brought to an abrupt and shameful conclusion by bad business basis but other reasons would not permit him to do so.

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In Memory

Robert Chambers Edwards

A gentleman and scholar whom to know intimately was a privilege. He was a man of sterling qualities, true to his friends and possessed with the courage to stand by his convictions.

MACLEOD BROS.
Per D. A. MacLeod

election was over and they disappeared from the column.

One year ago he purchased a copy of *Goodbye, Bob*, a copy he enjoyed. He evinced great interest in it and was a frequent visitor to the shop. He would have a bowling green all ready for playing on. He became interested in the game in his interest, his whole interest centered on his dear little home in the West.

Goodbye, Bob, sportsman, truly good.

Men of your mould are few; Our love brought but grey time can

"Tis hard to say adieu.

A builder of thin glorious west, You've fallen madly in life's quest. Near the grand old region's edge.

Gifts given by a master hand, His heart was a true man's land. Has been at Justice's command, Bright, blunt, but never mean.

Good-bye, Bob! You've made us laugh. Humor's cup we've slyly quaffed, Life's a joy you would profound.

Your passing leaves a sorry gap, And we'll miss you, we all know.

Your friends are sworn to the map, Ah, come more to grip your fist!

Well, the best of us must go, And we'll miss you, we all know, The beat goes on, old timer, so

Good-bye, old pal, good-bye.

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